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Mr. Charles R. Cunningham
Veterans Field Officer
State Veterans Council
12 Park Street
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 27, 1957.

No termination date for the Korean Conflict having been fixed by the statute conferring burial benefits with respect to Korean veterans, it is both necessary and proper to turn to other statutory provisions of a like nature to ascertain if the Legislature has ever expressed itself on what it believes to be the termination date of the Conflict. As you indicate, two other statutes conferring benefits on Korean veterans have fixed July 27, 1953, as constituting the cut-off date.

The date chosen by the Federal Government in its programs for Korean veterans is immaterial and furnishes no guide for the interpretation of State law in this regard.

We believe it proper, then, to deem July 27, 1953, as marking "the cessation of hostilities" within the meaning of RSA 165:17, VI.

Very truly yours,

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